

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 11, and ending at line 22 of page 7 of the specification as follows:

The invention is described further together with enclosed figures showing different embodiments of the invention whereby,

[[f]]Figure 1a - 1c shows in cross-section a joint for a panel according to a first embodiment of the present invention[.];

Figure 1a shows the joint in an exploded cross-section view;

Figure 1b shows the joint of figure 1a in an assembled cross-section view;

Figure 1c shows the joint of figure 1b in stress due to moisture levels.

[[f]]Figure 2 shows in cross-section a joint for a panel according to a [[third]] second embodiment of the present invention.

[[f]]Figure 3a-3c shows in cross-section a joint for a panel according to a third embodiment of the present invention wherein [.];

Figure 3a shows the joint in an exploded cross-section view;

Figure 3b shows the joint of figure 3a in an assembled cross-section view;

Figure 3c shows the joint of figure 3b in stress due to moisture levels.

[[f]]Figure 4 shows in cross-section a joining profile for a panel according to an embodiment of the present invention.

[[f]]Figure 5 shows in cross-section a joint for a panel according to a special embodiment of the present invention

[[f]]Figure 6 shows in cross-section a joint for a panel according to another special embodiment of the present invention

-Amend page 9, in the paragraph bridging pages 9-10 (beginning at page 9, line 11) as follows:

Figure 3a - 3c shows in cross-section a joint for a panel according to a third embodiment of the present invention. Figure 3a shows the joint before assembly while figure 3b and 3c shows the same joint after the assembly. The joint is in figure 3b in relaxed state which it will have just after the assembly or when the panels have equilibrium moisture levels. In figure 3c the moisture levels in the panels are higher than normal which puts the joint under stress. The joint comprises a first edge 1 and a second edge 1'. The first edge 1 comprises a groove 11 and the second edge 1' is provided with a tongue 21. The first edge further comprises an upper side groove 12 and the second edge 1' comprises an upper side groove 12. A joining profile 3 is provided with a first and second snapping tongue 31 and an intermediate section 33. The joining profile 3 is configured so as to allowing the first and second snapping tongue 31 to be fitted into upper side grooves 12 of two, joined, adjacent panels. The joint further comprises mating surfaces 13 and 23 respectively. The joining profile 3 and the upper side grooves 12 are so configured that a play is created in the joint between the mating surfaces 13 and 23 respectively. The size of this play is of course depending on the moisture content in the installed panels. The tongue 21 and the groove 11 are configured to limit the movement in a vertical direction between two adjacent panels while the joining profile 3 and the upper side grooves 12 are configured to limit the movement in horizontal direction between two adjacent panels. The tongue 21 is further provided with one protrusion 27 on the lower side of the tongue 21. The groove 11 is provided with a recess 18 arranged to mate with the protrusion 27 on the lower side of tongue 21. The groove 11 is provided with a recess 18 arranged to mate with the protrusion 27. The protrusion 27 with matching recess 17 is configured to allow a predetermined movement in the horizontal plane. A portion P arranged between the upper side groove 12 and its respective distal edge

portion E comprises a recess 14. The recess 14 is adapted to receive the lower portions of the intermediate section 33 when being urged downwards. The upper side groove 12 is provided with a first groove edge surface 16 having an angle α of $1 - 50^\circ$ towards a vertical plane. The first groove edge surface 16 will create a pressure on an outer edge 36 of the joining profile 3 when two adjacent panels are forced together, the pressure causing the intermediate section 33 to be urged downwards. The upper side groove is provided with a first groove edge surface 16 and a second groove edge surface 17 between which first and second groove edge surfaces 16 and 17 respectively a predetermined distance D is present. The distance D is so configured that the snapping tongue 31 may be pressed in between the first and second edge surfaces 16 and 17 respectively. The first and second groove edge surfaces 16 and 17 respectively are arranged so that an undercut is present. The snapping tongue 31 of the joining profile 3 is adapted to the under cut so that a snap action locking effect is achieved. The simplest way to achieve such an undercut is through broaching or laser cutting.

Amend the paragraph bridging pages 10-11 as follows:

Figure 5 shows in cross-section a joint for a panel according to a special embodiment of the present invention. Figure 5 shows the joint after the assembly. The joint is in figure 5 in relaxed state which it will have just after the assembly or when the panels have equilibrium moisture levels. The joint comprises a first edge 1 and a second edge V whereby the first edge 1 comprises a groove 11 and the second edge V is provided with a tongue 21. The tongue 21 is further provided with one protrusion 27 on the lower side of the tongue 21. The groove 11 is provided with a recess 18 arranged to mate with the protrusion 27. The tongue 21 and the groove 11 are configured to limit the movement in a vertical direction between two adjacent panels while the protrusion 27 with matching recess 17 - is configured to allow a predetermined movement in the horizontal plane. The second edge 1' comprises a upper side groove 12. A joining profile 3 is provided with a

tongue 31 and an intermediate section 33. The joining profile-3 is configured so as to allowing the tongue 31 to be fitted into upper side groove 12 during the manufacturing or before joining the panels. The joining profile 3 and the upper side grooves 12 are so configured that a play is created in the joint. The joining profile is made of an elastic material suitably a thermo-elastic or a natural rubber.